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1.

additional officers assigned to the Hauptverwaltung Deutsche Grenzpolizei (Main Administration of German Border Police) (HVDGP) included

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Colonel Blarkmeister, chief of the health department;
 Lieutenant Colonel Giebel, chief of the personnel department;
 Lieutenant Colonel Lindner, finance officer;
 Major Schroeder, chief of the clerical section;
 Major Eckhard, chief of the classified materials section.

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2. Courier missions handled at the HVDGP included one each to Dresden and Erfurt by sedans on 11 September; one each to Schwerin and Magdeburg by sedans on 12 September. a courier car was daily dispatched to Wuensdorf between 6 and 28 September. The Soviet agency exercising control over the HVDGP was, allegedly, located in Wuensdorf. Moreover, mail was daily sent to and picked up at Karlshorst.

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3. On 26 September, Major General Gartmann of the State Secretariat for State Security was given a new sedan. The sedan was driven by master sergeant Koeckeritz.

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4. On 26 September, a new course for 250 to 300 NCO candidates was started in Gross Glienicke. An officer and NCO school of the border police in Sondershausen was attended by 800 to 1,000 students. Members of the border police were also trained at the KVP school in Berlin-Treptow, which was attended by 1,800 to 2,000 men.

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5. On 14 October, a total of 25 Bereitschaften were assigned to the HVDGP. Each of these Bereitschaften consisted of two or three Kommandanturen with seven to eight Kommandos to each Kommandatur. The authorized strength of a Kommando was 36 men; however, during the reported period, most of the Kommandos consisted of only 20 to 25 men. The entire border police had an estimated strength of 23,000 to 25,000 men. Each of the Kommandos employed along the eastern border of the country was equipped with four horses. The Grenzbereitschaft in Loecknitz had 26 riding horses. Senior Lieutenant Marquardt of the HVDGP was in charge of border police horses; his deputy was Lieutenant Uhr.

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6. On 19 October, busses [] each occupied by 17 officers were dispatched to the Eastern and western borders of the country for an 18-day inspection tour.

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7. On 19 October, [] the MVDGI controlled two ammunition dumps; one of them was in a former German Army ammunition depot near Loecknitz, where allegedly 100 tons of ammunition were stored in a bunker; the other one was in the woods near Rahsdorf and consisted of eight bunkers mostly filled with infantry and small-caliber AA ammunition.

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1. [] Comment. Some of the officers mentioned were reported previously.

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2. [] Comment. Schools for the border police employed around Berlin are located in Gross Glienicke. Sondershausen is the seat of the central border police school. The political school of the KVP is located in Berlin-Treptow.

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3. [] Comment. Contrary to the data contained in this paragraph, it is believed that the East German Border Police consists of 21 Bereitschaften. Most of them consist of four Kommandos with five Kommandanturen to each Kommando. To this must be added the independent KPPs. The statement that the border police has a strength of 23,000 to 25,000 men is believed to be correct.

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